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1. Volkspolizei units about 1,200 strong were quartered in barracks on the edge of Priemerwald on 23 April 1950. Several hundred more police were in camp buildings in the woods. There was basic infantry training and group training with mortars in addition to daily political indoctrination.
2. The VP units received twenty to twenty-five tanks in mid-March 1950. Additional information on the tanks was not available.
3. Some VP men said that the VP units included a light artillery battalion, but no artillery fire was heard in the entire billeting and training area.
4. Most of the VP personnel were 18 to 27-year-old volunteers.

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